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June 24, 1998

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application for Approval for Wisconsin Public
Service Corporation to License a Billing System
from WPS Energy Services, Inc.

6690-AU-106

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) filed an application with the Public Service Commission (Commission) on May 7, 1998, for approval to license a computer billing system named Genesis from WPS Energy Services, Inc. (ESI) under ss. 196.52 and 196.795, Stats.

WPS, 700 North Adams Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54307-9001, is a Wisconsin corporation engaged in rendering electric and gas utility service to the public and is a public utility as defined in s. 196.01, Stats.

ESI, 677 Baeten Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304, was established in October 1994 to provide energy management and related products and services. It engages in the purchase and resale of natural gas and electricity and associated transmission and distribution services.

WPS and ESI are wholly-owned subsidiaries of WPS Resources Corporation (Resources) which is a holding company as defined by s. 196.795(1)(h)1a, Stats. WPSC, Resources, and ESI are affiliated interests according to s. 196.52, Stats.

Under the proposed agreement, WPS will pay a one-time license fee of \$36,200 plus approximately \$16,420 for additional enhancements currently requested by WPS, and an annual maintenance fee of 10 percent of the original license fee. WPS will also have the right to request additional customized enhancements at the lower of ESI's current loaded cost or the market rate

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10 (3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission intends to investigate this application without hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of WPS. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from WPS, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Diane Braun, Electric Division, at (608) 267-1200.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission:

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Administrator
Electric Division

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